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MISSION COVERAGE INDEX
MISSION [REDACTED] 1076
11 JULY 1964

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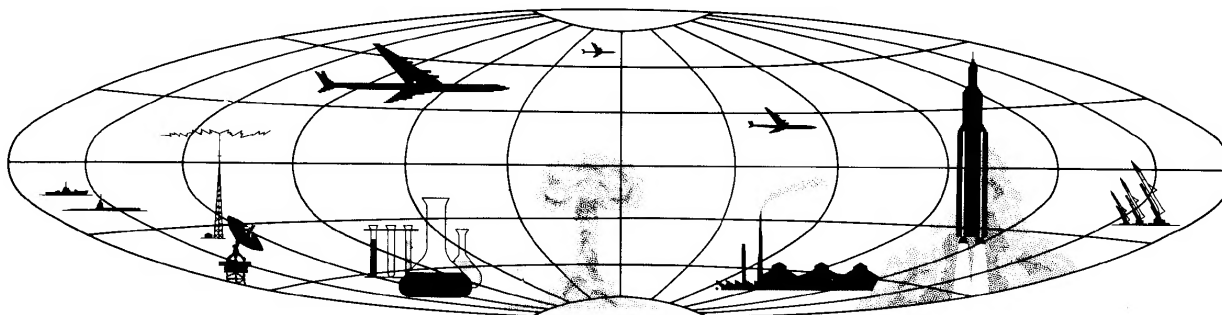


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PREFACE

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THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] MISSION 1076 DATED 11 JULY 1964 COVERING LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN THREE SECTIONS --

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION. THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING AS THE LAST ENTRY ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH SECTION ARE ARRANGED
1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY
ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT
BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA
BY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER.

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AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1/250,000 AND L004, 1/50,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE INFORMATION.

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SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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	Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
				BE	NPIC
	-LAOS-				
	MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
	BAN DONG, MILITARY AREA TWO MILITARY AREAS IN VICINITY OF BAN DONG. AREA A (AT JUNCTION OF ROUTE 9 AND THE BAN DONG ROAD AT 16-39N 106-26E) -- RECTANGULAR CLEARED AREA CONTAINS PERSONNEL TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS. AREA B (ADJACENT TO ROUTE 9 HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE KOUESSON RIVER AT 16-39N 106-25E) -- RECTANGULAR CLEARED AREA CONTAINS 5 AW POSITIONS AND A TRENCH SYSTEM. COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]	1638N 10625E	0617		270
25X1D 25X1A	THAKHET AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS JUST EAST OF THAKHET AIRFIELD. MILITARY AREA CONTAINS 3 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 3 PROBABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS, AND 6 MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS. [REDACTED]	1724N 10448E	0617		125-C
25X1D	BAN I. LANE AREA, SUSPECT MILITARY AREA NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED. COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	1728N 10519E	0617		371-A
25X1A 25X1D					

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	Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
				BE	NPIC
25X1D	BAN NA PHO, MILITARY AREA	1735N 10530E	0617		362
25X1A	AT BAN NA PHO AND UTM [REDACTED]				
25X1D	SMALL MILITARY CAMP CONTAINS 3 BUILDINGS, 3 AW POSITIONS, AND A TRENCH. COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]				
	BASIC SERVICES	1643N 10612E	0617		124-E
25X1D	TCHEPONE-LA HA ROAD (ROUTE 9) ROAD OBSERVED FROM TCHEPONE (16-43N 106-12E) TO BAN DONG (16-38N 106-25E) IS APPARENTLY NATURAL SURFACE, ALL WEATHER AND TWO-LANE. THE BRIDGE OVER THE BANG HIENG (RIVER) AT UTM [REDACTED] IS APPARENTLY TWO-LANE AND 4-SPAN.				
25X1A	MILITARY ACTIVITY -- TCHEPONE AIRFIELD (NPIC TARGET 617-124) IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF TCHEPONE (16-43N 106-12E). TCHEPONE MILITARY AREAS (NPIC TARGET 617-124C) ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF TCHEPONE (16-42N 106-13E). BAN DONG MILITARY AREAS (NPIC TARGET 617-270) ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF BAN DONG (16-38N 106-25E). COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]				
25X1D	MISCELLANEOUS	1731N 10519E	0617		371-B
	ROUTE 12, SEGMENT 1 SINGLE LANE, FAIR WEATHER, SERVICEABLE ROAD IN GENERALLY GOOD CONDITION OBSERVED FROM				

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>17-33N 105-10E TO 17-40N 105-46E. TWO CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED AT 17-33N 105-14E AND ONE CARGO TRUCK AT 17-33N 105-20E.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>-NORTH VIETNAM-</p> <p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>MU GIA PASS, MILITARY CAMP 5.5 NM SOUTH OF DON BAI DINH ON ROUTE 12 AT UTM [REDACTED] AREA CONTAINS ONE LARGE AND 2 SMALL TILE-ROOFED ADMINISTRATION/BARRACKS BUILDINGS, 11 THATCH-ROOFED BARRACKS, 3 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 STORAGE BUILDINGS. DEFENSES INCLUDE NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1740N 10546E	0617		116-A

SECTION II

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	Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
				BE	NPIC
	-LAOS-				
	AIR INSTALLATIONS			25X1A	
25X1D	THAKHET AIRFIELD 25X1D [REDACTED]	1724N 10449E	0617	[REDACTED]	125
25X1A	MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
25X1D	BAN BOUNG BAU AREA, MILITARY AREAS COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	1734N 10514E	0617		369

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				BE	NPIC
	-LAOS-				
	MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
25X1A	TCHEPONE, MILITARY AREAS	1642N 10613E	0617		124-C
25X1D	COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]				
25X1A	TCHEPONE AIRFIELD	1643N 10612E	0617		124
25X1D	COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]				

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APPENDIX

COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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